

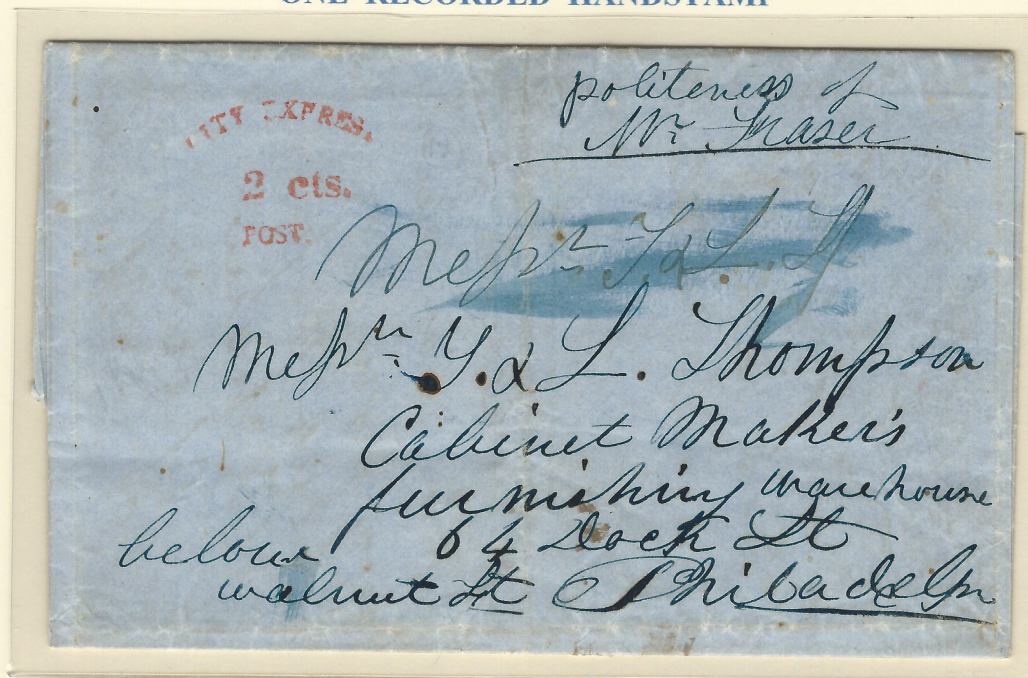
# LOCAL POSTS

# CITY EXPRESS POST

2 CENTS :  
2 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY

OPERATOR : CALVIN TYSON  
LOCATION : UNKNOWN  
RATE : 2 CENTS  
DATE : 1844 TO 1846

## ONE RECORDED HANDSTAMP



JULY 24, 1846

RED OPEN TOMBSTONE "CITY EXPRESS / 2 CTS. / POST" HANDSTAMP  
TRANSPORTED PRIVATELY FROM OXFORD, PA.

PFC 2010

STAMPLESS

## EXPRESS POST

## ONE RECORDED HANDSTAMP

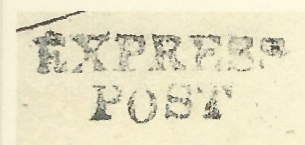


JANUARY 22, 1846

STAMPLESS

"EXPRESS / POST" HANDSTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "PAID" LOCAL DELIVERY PFC 2011



The City Express Post may have originated as early as 1844. Handstamps are recorded by January 1846 at bottom, and July 1846 at top.



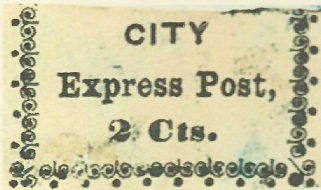
## BLACK ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

7 CENTS:

2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE

5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

## ONE RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMP



JULY 1, 1846

BLACK ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

BLUE "PAID" IN LOZENGE  
HANDSTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "PAID"

DELIVERED TO BALTIMORE, MD.

PFC 1999



## BLACK ON PINK ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

7 CENTS:

2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE

5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

## SIX RECORDED STAMPS



APRIL 28, 1846

BLACK ON PINK ADHESIVE  
UNCANCELLED

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

BLUE "5" IN DOUBLE  
CIRCLE HANDSTAMPBLUE "PAID" IN LOZENGE  
HANDSTAMP

MANUSCRIPT "PAID"

DELIVERED TO NEW YORK

PFC 1999

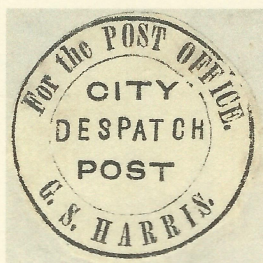


The City Express Post sold adhesive stamps early 1846. However, on November 24, 1846 Tyson sold the business to D.O. Blood & Co. Most **surviving examples were outbound letters** delivered to the Philadelphia post office. 2 cents had been the market cost in early 1846, comparable to D.O. Blood & Co. and Philadelphia carrier collection to the post office.



OPERATOR : GEORGE S. HARRIS  
 LOCATION : 119 N. 4TH STREET (?)  
 RATE : 2 CENTS  
 DATE : 1847

## TYPE 1 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

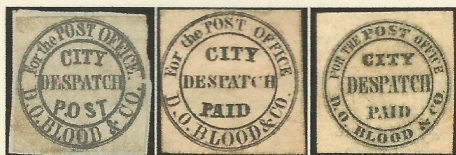


7 CENTS :  
 2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE  
 5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

## ONE RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMP



JULY 15, 1847 TYPE 1 HARRIS ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED  
 BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP DELIVERED TO MERCERSBURG, PA. PFC 1997



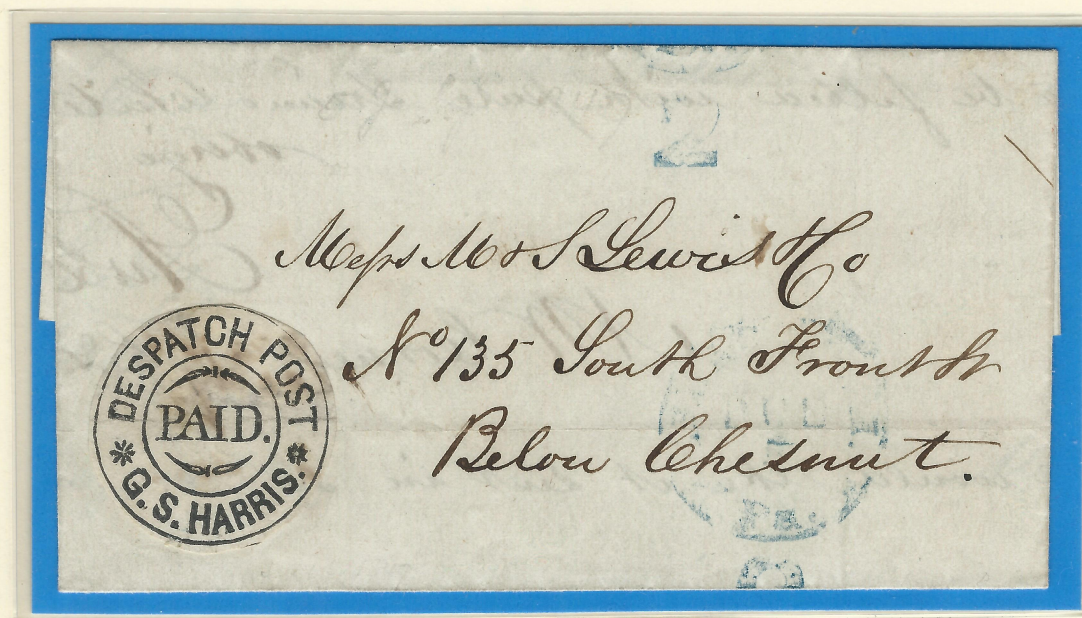
Harris Type 1 was very similar to contemporary D.O.Blood double circle prepaid stamp designs "For the Post Office / Post," shown directly above. Also, Harris Type 1 and Type 2 (next page) were in service concurrently during July 1847.



## TYPE 2 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

4 CENTS :  
 2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE  
 2 CENTS DROP RATE

## ONE RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMP



JULY 5, 1847 TYPE 2 HARRIS ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED  
 BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP WITH ATTACHED "2", TWICE LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 1999

2 CENTS:  
 2 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY

## ONE RECORDED HANDSTAMP



UNDATED  
 HARRIS 2 CTS  
 HANDSTAMP  
 LOCAL ADDRESS

The exhibitor submits that **Harris Type 2 adhesive stamps paid local delivery**, complementing Type 1 on outbound letters. For 2 cents prepaid Harris delivered the top example to the post office, held by the postmaster for an additional 2 cents noted by "attached 2" Philadelphia datestamp. **4 cents was very high, and not competitive with D.O. Blood & Co volume discounted rates of 1 cent.**

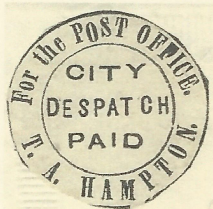


## TYPE 1 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

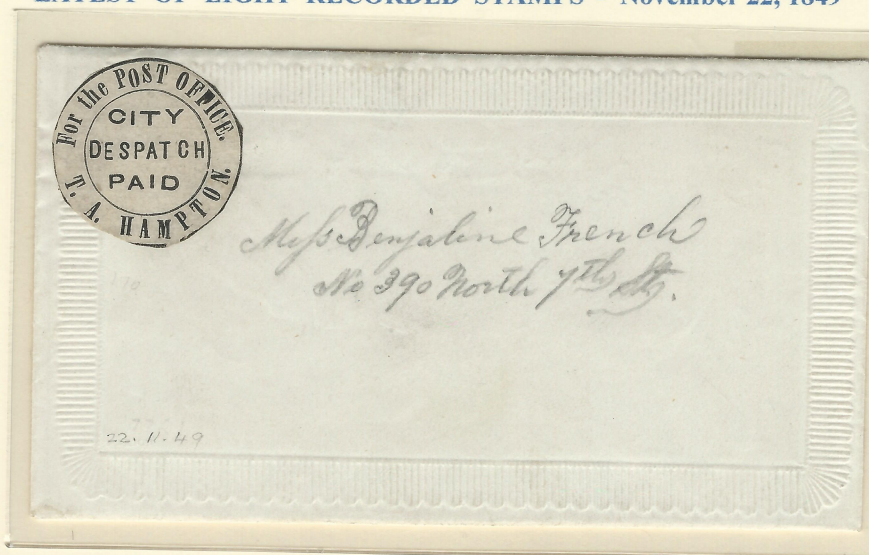
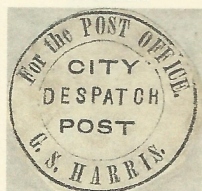
2 CENTS :  
2 CENTS LOCAL DELIVERY

## LATEST OF EIGHT RECORDED STAMPS - November 22, 1849

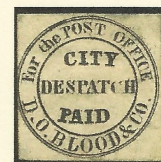
HAMPTON



HARRIS



Philadelphia Nov 22/49  
Benjamine



MIMICK BLOOD

NOVEMBER 22, 1849 TYPE 1 HAMPTON ADHESIVE UNCANCELLED  
LOCAL ADDRESS PFC 1999

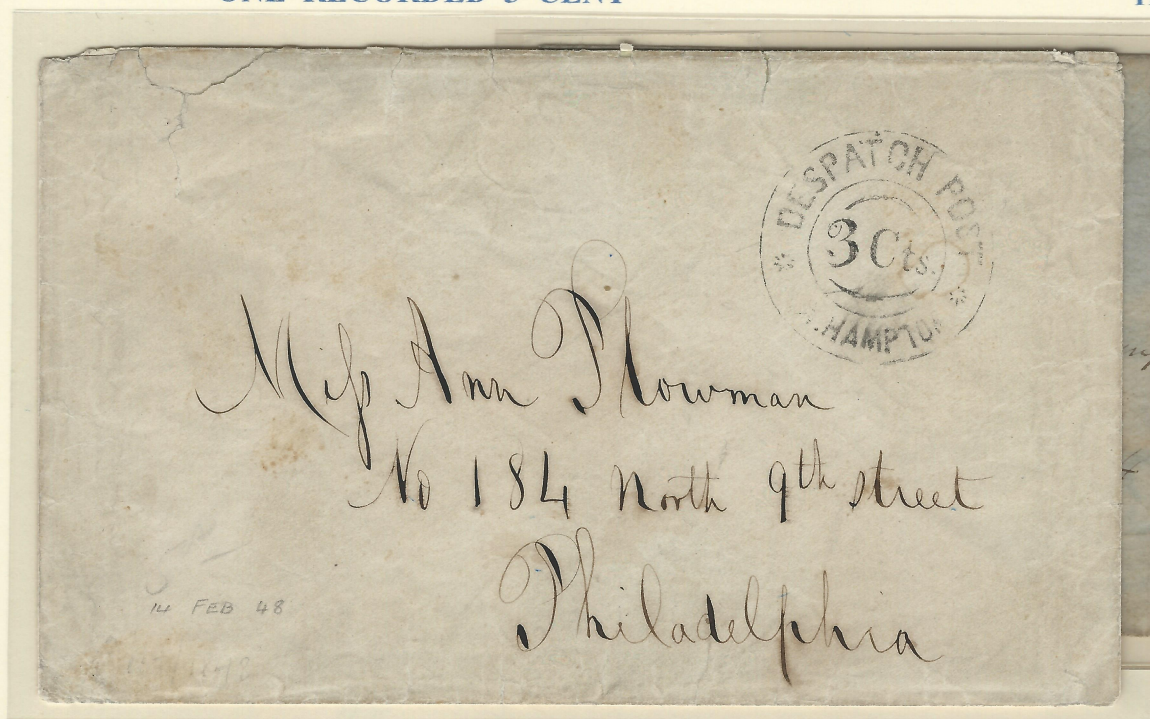
Four of six "POST OFFICE" examples were outbound. Aggressive delivery (above) to Benjamine French entered **Penn District**, previously inter-city, but now also served by Bloods Despatch and soon Philadelphia carriers. No Type 1 examples were cancelled, with one exception. Hampton's timeline was after Harris, possibly resulting from a purchase.\*

Both Hampton and Harris mimicked Blood & Co's reduced image at right. **Mimicking Bloods wasn't enough**; 3 cents and even 2 cents collect, confirmed by handstamped below, was not competitive with D.O. **Blood's one cent service**.

## HANDSTAMP MARKINGS

## ONE RECORDED 3 CENT

## THREE RECORDED 2 CENT



3 CENTS "DUE" HAMPTON HANDSTAMP LOCAL ADDRESS

2 CENTS "DUE" HAMPTON HANDSTAMP LOCAL ADDRESS



# LOCAL POSTS

T. A. HAMPTON

12 CENTS :  
2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE  
10 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE OVER 300 MILES

TYPE 2 ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

OPERAROR : THOMAS HAMPTON  
LOCATION : 9 PROSPECT ALLEY (?)  
RATE : VARIABLE  
DATE : 1847—1849

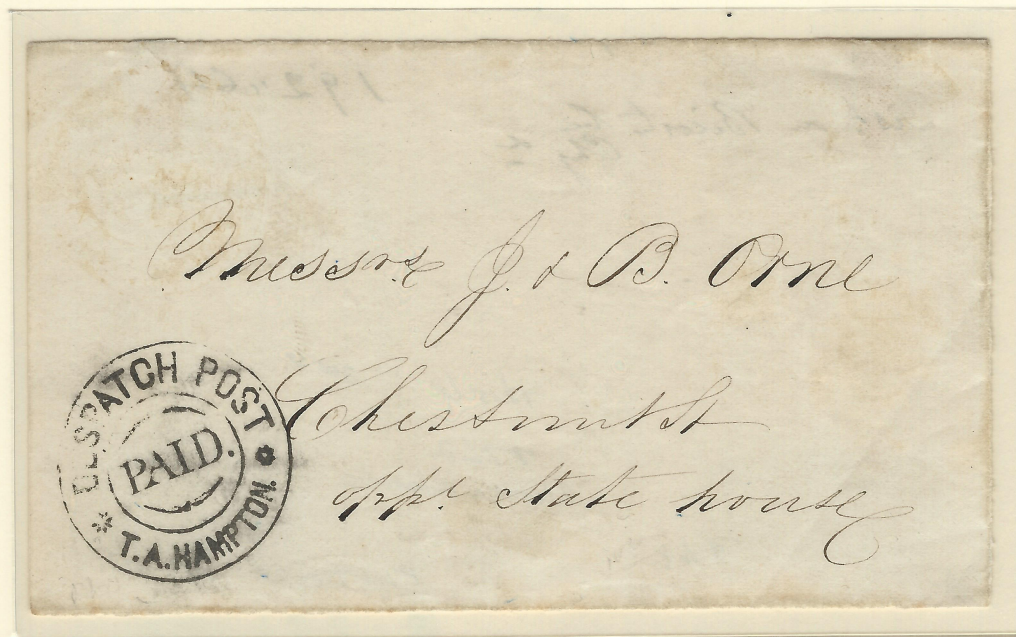
## TWO RECORDED ADHESIVE STAMPS



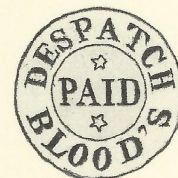
MAY 23, (1848) TYPE 2 HAMPTON ADHESIVE NUMERAL "3" CANCEL  
BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP ADDRESSED TO NEW ORLEANS PFC 1999

## HANDSTAMP MARKINGS

### TWO RECORDED "PAID"



"PAID" HAMPTON HANDSTAMP  
LOCAL ADDRESS



MIMICK BLOOD

Type 2 bears a striking resemblance to the predecessor Harris Type 2 "PAID." A common template may have been available prior to name entry, for stamps at top, and handstamps at bottom. Hampton as well as Harris "PAID" resembled if not mimicked Blood Despatch "PAID," reduced image on right.



OPERATOR : ALFRED W. AUNERS  
 LOCATION : 34 RACE STREET  
 RATE : 2 CENTS  
 DATE : 1851

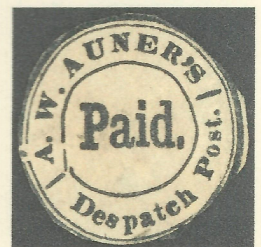
BLACK ON GREY - 2 CENTS

7 CENTS :  
 2 CENTS TO THE POST OFFICE  
 5 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 300 MILES

TWO RECORDED STAMPS - ONE COVER



FEBRUARY 7, 1851    MANUSCRIPT "X" CANCEL    MANUSCRIPT "POST OFFICE"  
 BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP    DELIVERED TO POTTSVILLE, PA.    PFC 1999



Alfred Auner was a tobacconist in 1851 at 34 Race Street (Northeast part of the old city). He was listed In 1852 -1853 as printer at 124 North 10th Street. Occupational trades and locations changed not infrequently.

The round shape, name at top, and large "Paid" in the center resembles earlier **Harris Type 2**, **Hampton Type 2**, and Blood's "for the Post Office" series. The former two were located in tobacco shops, whereas Blood's red collection boxes were generally placed inside drug stores and not tobacco shops.



# LOCAL POSTS

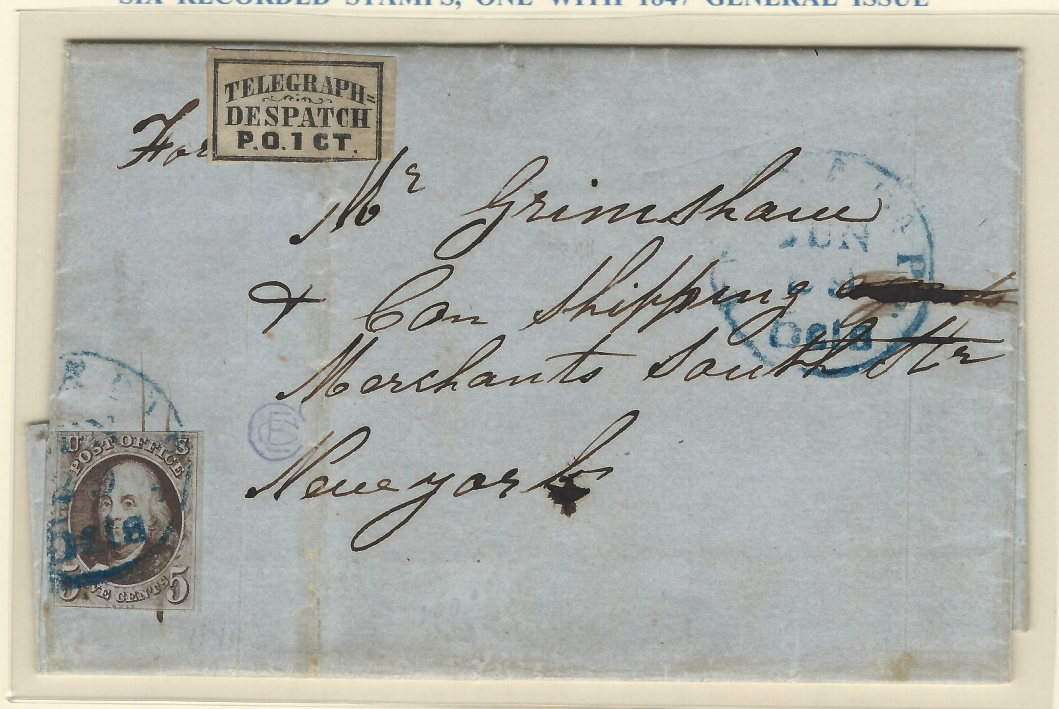
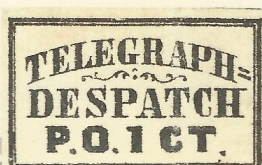
# TELEGRAPH DESPATCH P.O.

6 CENTS:  
1 CENT TO THE POST OFFICE  
5 CENTS UNDER 300 MILES

TYPE 1 ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

OPERATOR : UNKNOWN  
LOCATION : 61 SOUTH 8TH STREET  
RATE : VARIABLE  
DATE : 1848-1850 \*

## SIX RECORDED STAMPS, ONE WITH 1847 GENERAL ISSUE



JUNE 29, 1848      UNCANCELLED      1847 5 CENT GENERAL ISSUE STAMP TIED BY BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP  
ADDRESSED TO NEW YORK      PFC 2009

## ONE EXAMPLE TIED, LATEST RECORDED - January 12, 1849

1 CENT :  
1 CENT TO THE POST OFFICE  
FREE FRANK



JANUARY 12, 1849      PEN CANCEL      BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP  
BLUE "FREE" IN LOZENGE      DELIVERED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.      PFC 1999

The first 1 cent denominated postage stamp in the United States, April 25, 1848 is the earliest recorded, 11 months prior to the Philadelphia and New York carrier departments, and 8 months before Bloods Despatch. The latest recorded, at bottom, was only days after Bloods Despatch began selling 1 cent denominated stamps, perhaps doom for this issue.

The Type 2 adhesive is unique, has not been available in decades, is printed "2 cents", and reveals the address, 61 South 8th Street, same as contemporary Briggs Despatch.



1845 HANDSTAMP MARKINGS - 3 CENTS

OPERATOR : WILLIAM STAIT  
 LOCATION : 80 CHESTNUT STREET  
 48 SOUTH 3RD STREET  
 RATE : VARIABLE  
 DATE : 1845 - 1851

THREE CENT RATE

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TYPE A"



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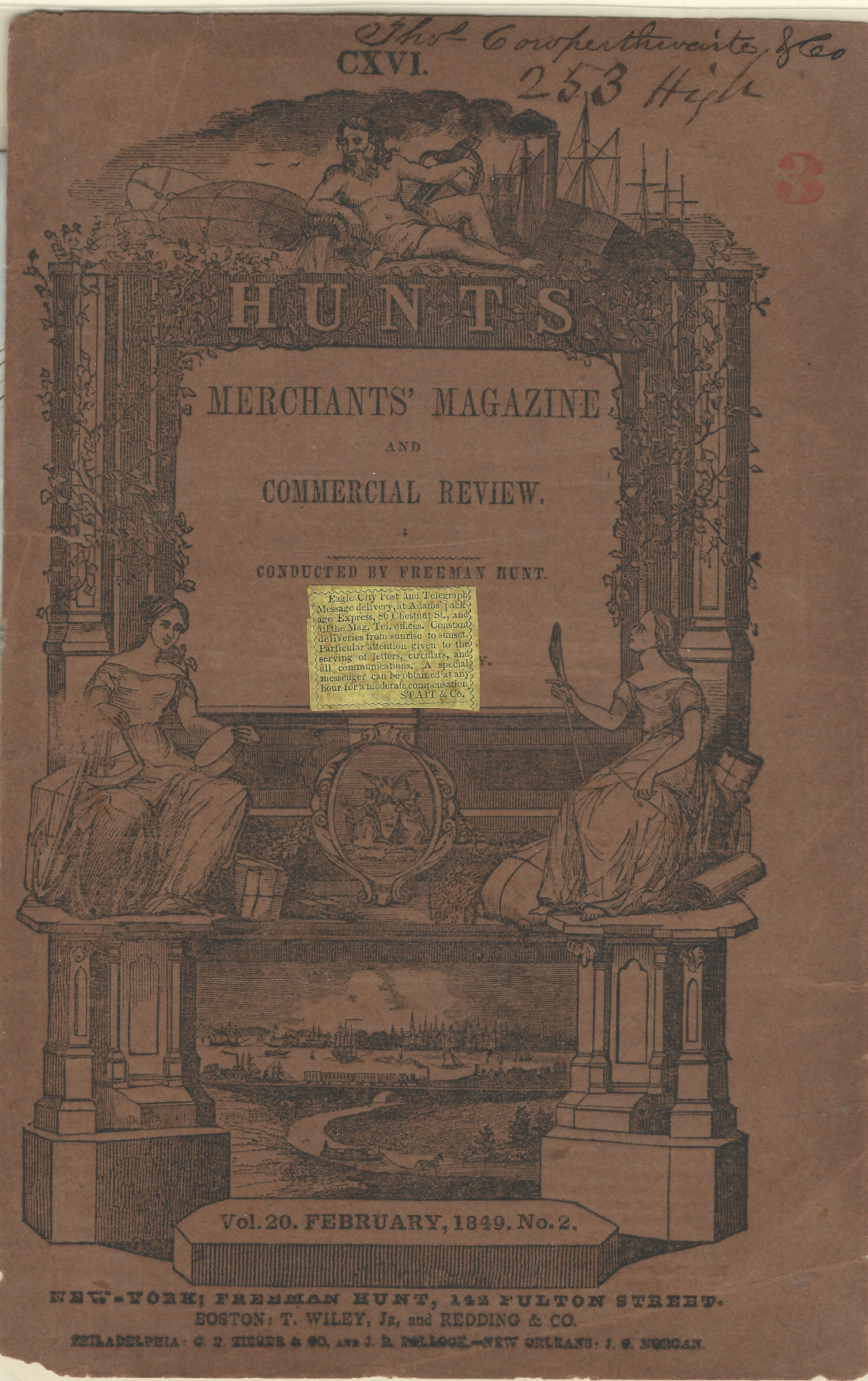
*Me. L.*



*No 4*  
*Above*

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Within weeks of Independent Mail closure, William Stait left the American Letter Mail Co, and started the Eagle City Despatch Post. All three examples above were marked due "3" cents for door delivery, competitive with Blood & Co. at the time, and cheaper than the post office. Type A handstamp, at top left, shows an Eagle image, recorded as early as July 30, 1845.



LOCAL POSTS

EAGLE CITY POST

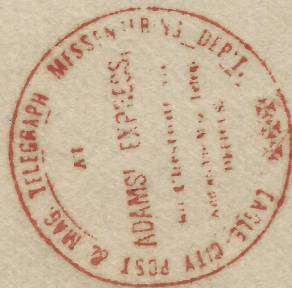
ONE RECORDED OVERSIZED HANDSTAMP

ONE RECORDED "FROM THE MAILS"

POSTPAID BY  
**ADAMS** Co.



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Oversized envelopes were 5 cents, shown at left. The top right cover entered the government mail in Wilmington Delaware outbound to Philadelphia, and mysteriously given to the Eagle City Post, rather than the Philadelphia carrier department.

The bottom right example was collected by Eagle City Post and delivered to the Philadelphia post office as a drop letter and held for pick up, total cost 5 cents.



1846 COGWHEEL ADHESIVE - 2 CENTS

ONE RECORDED WITH  
5 CENT 1847*March 8th 1849*

MARCH 8, 1849

MANUSCRIPT X CANCEL TIED

5 CENT 1847 GENERAL ISSUE,  
NUMERAL 12 IN CIRCLE TIED

ADDRESSED TO CARLISLE, PA

PFC 2013

ONE RECORDED WITH  
LARGE RED "PAID"

Rates just **reduced to 2 cents**, on October 1, 1846 Eagle City Post sold "cogwheel" stamps, although four months following Blood's rate reduction. The design included **Adams Express** for an inbound source of letters. The Type C handstamp, center left, promoted the company's Magnetic **Telegraph Messenger** Department. Only one example is **combined with 1847 stamp**, at top.

Also, four examples of a handstamp adhesive have been recorded, two on cover, but neither available for decades.



1849 RED ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



TYPE "F"

OCTOBER 20, 1849

RED EAGLE POST ADHESIVE

RED HANDSTAMP CANCEL

LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 1998

TYPE "H"

DECEMBER 28, ?

RED EAGLE POST ADHESIVE

UNCANCELLED

RED HANDSTAMP CROSSED OUT

RED TYPE 2 "PAID", CROSSED OUT

DELIVERED TO WILMINGTON, DEL.

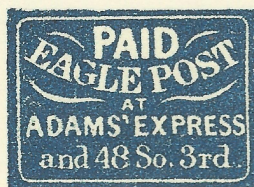
PFC 2001



**William Stait was the only serious Blood's competitor.** By 1848 the company name was reduced to Eagle Post. By September 1848 they expanded to a second office at 48 South 3rd Street, the former location of D.O. Blood & Co. Not until **late 1849** were new stamps issued for prepayment **reduction to 1 cent**, where Blood's and the Philadelphia carrier department had been for most of the year. These stamps **mimicked Blood's small rectangular stamps**.



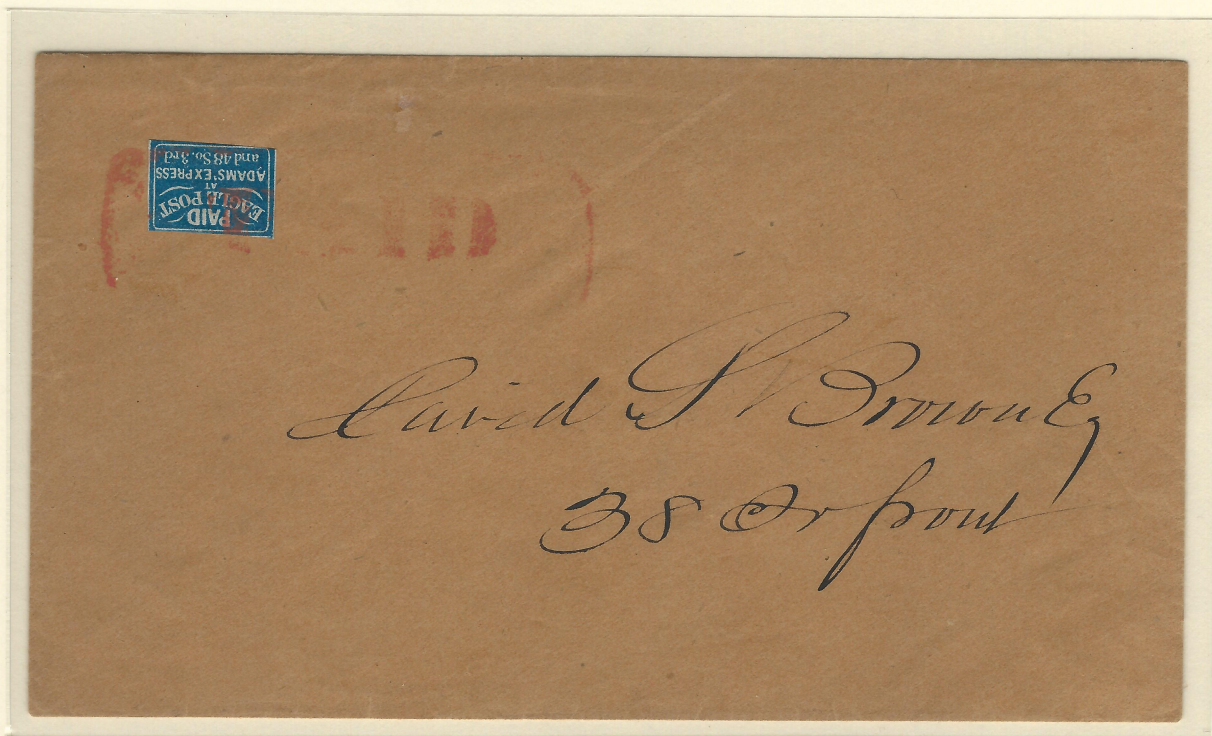
1849 BLUE ADHESIVE - 1 CENT



ONE RECORDED LARGE RED "PAID"

UNDATED  
 BLUE EAGLE POST ADHESIVE  
 RED TYPE 4 "PAID" CANCEL  
 LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2000



TYPE "L"

JUNE 19, 1852  
 BLUE EAGLE POST ADHESIVE  
 PENCIL CANCEL  
 RED STAITS DESPATCH  
 HANDSTAMP  
 LOCAL ADDRESS

PFC 2001

Blue Eagle Post stamps mimicked Blood's Despatch recently introduced small rectangular stamps, very popular indeed, and a style used by many local posts such as Teese, Carters, Briggs, and Priests. By April 1850 "Staits" name appeared on handstamps, lower example. By November 1851 "Eagle" was dropped, perhaps to avoid confusion with the 1851 general issue Eagle carrier stamp.



4 CENTS :

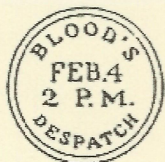
1 CENT TO THE POST OFFICE

3 CENTS 1/2 OUNCE UNDER 3000 MILES

1852 BLUE ADHESIVE - 1 CENT

OPERATOR : MITCHELL TEESE  
 LOCATION : WASHINGTON & 6TH  
 RATE : 1 CENTS  
 DATE : 1852 - 1854

ONE RECORDED COVER MISTAKENLY SERVICED BY BLOOD  
 ONE RECORDED ACID CANCEL



JUNE 8, (1854)

BLUE ADHESIVE

ACID CANCEL

1851 GENERAL ISSUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP

BLOOD'S DESPATCH DATESTAMP

ADDRESSED TO DOVER, DEL

2009 AND 1988 PFC



AUGUST 4, (1853)

BLUE ADHESIVE

BLUE PHILADELPHIA  
3 CENT ENTIREADDRESSED TO  
LANCASTER CO.

PFC 2009



FEBRUARY 11, (1852-4)

BLUE ADHESIVE

RED PHILADELPHIA DATESTAMP CANCEL

ADDRESSED TO HUNTERDON  
COUNTY, N.J.

2000 PFC

Teese mimicking Blood's Despatch paid off. The sender of the top example purchased Teese stamps, but mistakenly placed dropped into a Blood's box, who by acid cancel **mistakenly provided the service!** The only example of *any* local post serviced free by another company.



ONE RECORDED TETE-BECHE COVER ALL PHILADELPHIA LOCAL POSTS

ONE COMBINED WITH  
PREPAID DROP LETTER

Mint of the United States.

Messrs Nathan Lotter &amp; Co.

No 36 North Front St  
PhilaHon John K. Kane  
No 36 Second St

POSITION

OF

ELI K. PRICE

ON THE

LIQUOR QUESTION,

DEFINED BY THE FACTS.

INTERS.

Teese & Co. delivered this large 1854 pamphlet to the Kensington district for 3 cents, clearly forbidden as inter-city mail, and testing the Philadelphia Consolidation Act of 1854 which enlarged the city limits. Three stamps may have been necessary for the greater distance, risk, and/or a bundle of publications. An unusual tete-beche pair is present.





Large fancy valentine cover handstamped by an ornamental oval frame with light strike of spread eagle, stars, and olive branches. The only recorded "Union Despatch" marking *may represent a valentine delivery company* that was short lived.